

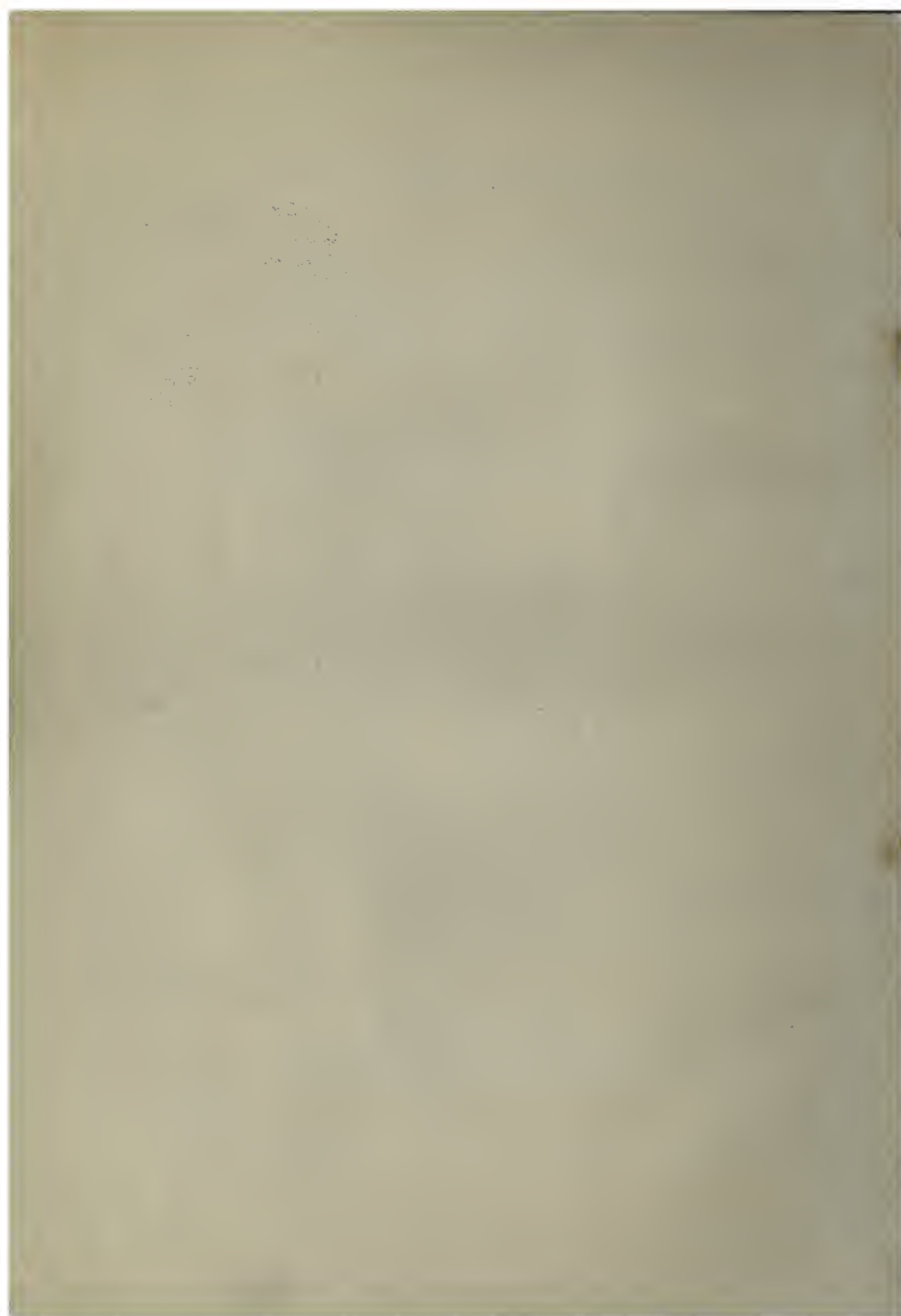
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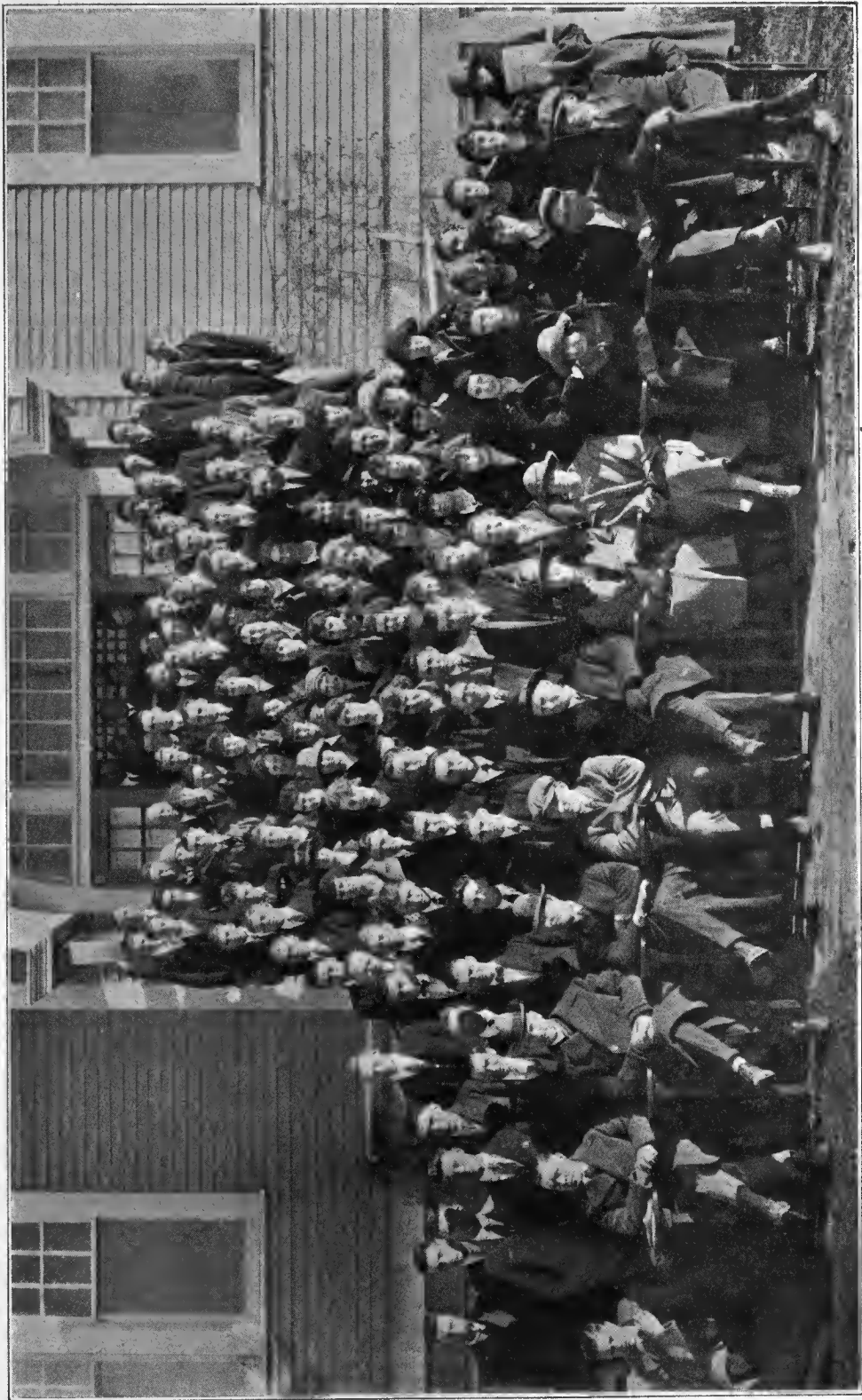
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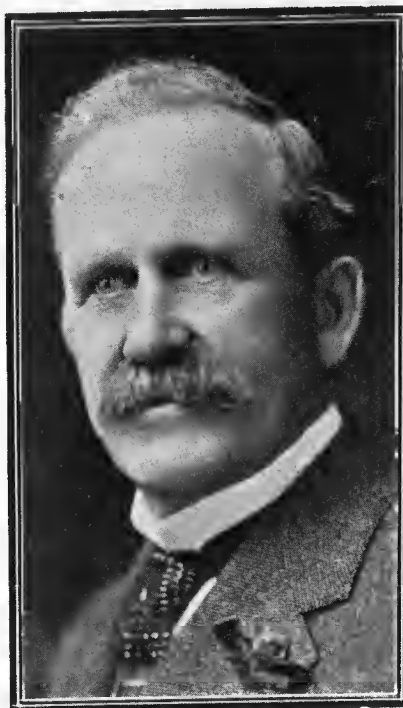
Foreword

I AM very glad again to become a contributor to the magazine of the Olds School of Agriculture. I congratulate the students on the fine showing they have made during the past year, and trust that they will continue to appreciate the value of the knowledge of the problems of farm life they are gaining in the course of their studies.

With the passing of another year we have witnessed a revival of prosperity in the industry of agriculture in Alberta. Not only have we harvested the greatest crop of grain in the history of the province, but we have also made very satisfactory progress in other branches of farming. We find that the dairy industry has advanced to such an extent, through careful attention to quality, that Alberta creamery butter is now selling on the British market, under a distinct Alberta brand, practically for the first time. We find also that the poultry and swine industries have made rapid strides during the year, and that very satisfactory results have been obtained from experiments carried out in fodder crops, particularly corn and sweet clover.

All this points to the outstanding fact that Alberta farmers are appreciating the value of diversified farming methods, and bears out what I had occasion to say two years ago, that the industry of agriculture must undergo this very change that is now taking place, if it was to realize a future as a prosperous industry.

I only wish to emphasize once again, what I have always emphasized to the students of our agricultural schools, that it is to them we must look to carry out to a large extent the work of putting agriculture in Alberta on a permanent foundation, when they have taken up their life on the farm as men and women, and are facing in a practical way the problems which they are now studying at the schools.



GEORGE HOADLEY.

Teamwork in Agriculture

By E. S. ARCHIBALD, B.A., B.S.A.,

Director Dominion Experimental Farms, Ottawa, Ont.

As the writer understands it, the main object of our Canadian Agricultural Schools is to instruct and train their students as thoroughly as possible along the main practical phases of agriculture, with the object in view of raising the standard of such practices, not only upon the farms to which those students will return, but, by the force of their example, stimulate better methods and higher production generally throughout the country.

The object of the Dominion Experimental Farm system is in reality the same. The experimental work being conducted on those farms and the results obtained therefrom are valuable only in direct ratio to the extent to which they are put into practice in every-day farming.

How, then, can the Experimental Farms help the student of the Agricultural School? Answering this question briefly, we may say that the reports of the methods followed in the experimental work on the farms and the results obtained from those experiments furnish a work of reference and a text-book ever being revised and brought up to date, and constantly available to the student.

How can the Farms help the graduate of the Agricultural School? The work of the Farms, if the graduate keeps in touch with it after he has returned to farming practices, furnishes him with a constant post-graduate course.

The work of the Experimental Farms is based upon the most accurate and scientific research and experiment, and is becoming more and more so based from day to day. It is now generally recognized in all fields of productive effort, and in none more so than in agriculture, that even the most practical, every-day practices and methods are, and must be, founded upon a sound and scientific basis, only to be acquired by research, if these practices and methods are to prove successful and remunerative. For this wider and wider research work, therefore, the Experimental Farm system finds it necessary to take into its service men of higher and higher scientific training, involving wide experience and deep post-graduate study after the acquiring of the college degree.

The course of training obtained at our Agricultural Schools may lead some students to further training and study with a view to making agricultural research a life work. These the Experimental Farm will heartily welcome into that sphere of usefulness.

Our present brief message is, however, to the main body of Agricultural School students who plan to return to the land after their course. It is for these, as we understand it, that the school subjects and methods of training are primarily planned.

Let me say to this latter class that their opportunity of usefulness in the advancement of Canadian agriculture is just as great as is that offered to those intending to take up agricultural research work. We have said that the experimental work of the Farms is only useful in so far as the results are put into practice on Canadian farms. This is very true. It is to those farmers who have taken a course at our Agricultural Schools, who have returned to the land, and who appreciate the value of good farming methods, of superior quality of seeds, of pure-bred live stock, etc., that the Experimental Farms look in no small measure to adopt in their own farm practice, and to urge upon their neighbors the results we have obtained by careful experiment.

The Experimental Farms are, of course, attempting to get the results of their work before the public in a number of ways, such as the issuing of publications, the distribution of material, the display of farm exhibits, the establishment of illustration stations, etc. But these at best are only partial and imperfect methods. It is upon the creation of a large element of thoughtful, receptive, enterprising farmers in all sections of Canada that the Experimental Farms Branch depends, and must depend, for the widest and most complete dissemination of its results. Canada's future prosperity is essentially based upon the sound, intelligent application of these results to our farming practice, and it is, then, not too much to say that the future of this country rests in a very large measure upon our young farmers who have directly or indirectly received the benefits of a course of training at our Canadian Agricultural Schools.

The above few paragraphs will, we hope, indicate, although all too briefly and generally, the close relationship and the co-operation and sympathy, which must exist among the Experimental Farms, the Agricultural Schools, and the students and graduates of the latter, and the far-reaching results which are to be expected, in direct proportion to the degree in which such co-operation and sympathy exist.

Can you imagine—

McDermid without Tiny?
Pengelly without his overcoat?
Bill Fraser without a girl?
Ida without her happy smile?
Dick Erickson dancing?
Tom Kilduff without his notebooks?
Wightie smoking his own tobacco?
Pete Erickson on skates?
Phil Schmidt not studying?
The Freshies looking wise?
The girls not being attractive?
H. G. without his moustache?
C. A. Weir stuck for an answer?
"Chuck" feeling sad?
One Campbell without the other?
Eisenhaeur without his McLaughlin?
McGregor without his cornet?



O.S.A. Staff, 1924

SPECIAL MATRICULATION COURSE

Because the University has raised its standard of admission, a special six months' Matriculation Course has been definitely established in this school for those graduates who desire to enter the University or receive their matriculation for any other reason. The course will cover History, Mathematics and English, and will run concurrently with the regular courses, with probably two weeks added at either end.

In addition to the subjects mentioned, the course will offer some optional practical work along the lines of Scientific Agriculture. The course is open to all graduates of this and its sister schools.

That the O.S.A. is ever anticipating the wants and needs of its pupils is evidenced by the fact that already there are two students—Messrs. Gibson, '22, and Sharman, '23—who have taken the work this year, before the course was definitely established.

The tall pines pine
And the paw-paws pause,
And the bumble bee bumbles all day;
The eavesdropper drops
And the grasshopper hops,
While gently the cowslips away.

Corn Production.

J. G. Taggart, B.S.A.

Swift Current.

Corn-growing propaganda has been spread far and wide over the prairies. In 1924 many attempts will be made to grow corn on farms where it has not been grown previously. Some farmers will achieve success and satisfaction from corn growing; to others will come failure and disappointment. Whether failure or success attends the efforts to grow corn will in many cases depend upon the soil, climatic and weather conditions under which the attempts are made. For others, particularly those who are inexperienced in corn growing on the prairies, the decision as to whether or not success has been attained will depend upon what they expected to get before their crops were planted. For farmers who are in this position a brief statement of what results may be reasonably expected, under favorable conditions, should prove useful.

Undoubtedly the wide publicity which corn growing has received during the past year will have the effect of producing unduly optimistic convictions concerning the advantages of corn growing. People who expect that corn growing will cure all the ills of agriculture, even in districts where corn grows best, are expecting too much. What may be reasonably hoped for is, that in districts where summer temperatures are relatively high, where soils are light or rainfall scanty, corn growing will:

- (1) Provide a more certain supply of fodder than is now available from other crops;
- (2) Take the place of part of the summerfallow and leave the land in fair shape for a wheat crop;
- (3) Assist in the control of soil drifting;
- (4) To a limited number, favorably situated, constitute a source of revenue through the sale of seed.

When livestock of the right kind is available to consume the corn, a limited amount of it can be made profitable.

Varieties

If corn growing is desirable, what varieties should be used? For seed production, Improved Squaw, North Dakota White Flint or Gehu may be used, with the preference in favor of the last. For fodder and ensilage purposes, either of the last two will serve, or if greater bulk is desired, North Western Dent or Minnesota 13 should be planted.

Cultural Methods—Corn**Planting**

Land may be prepared and corn planted in a variety of ways with equally satisfactory yields. On farms where no special machinery is available, spring plowing, harrowing or packing, seeding with the seed drill, and cultivating with a single-row scuffler are quite satisfactory. As a rule, corn should be grown on land which would otherwise be summerfallowed. Plowing should be done as early as convenient, so as to allow time for the destruction of weeds with large implements before the corn is planted. This will save much cultivating and hoeing later. Planting may be done any time between May 15th and June 10th. The rate of seeding with the drill should be about 15 lbs. of seed per acre. A number of the seed runs can be blocked so as to space the corn rows 36, 42, or even 48 inches apart. If the rows are 42 inches apart, the drill may be set to sow $2\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of oats. Before planting corn, the drill should be tested on hard ground and adjusted so as to drop the kernels at an average distance of 8 inches from each other. This rate of seeding is thicker than necessary, but some seeds will fail to grow and some will be destroyed by wireworms, gophers, rabbits, etc.

After the corn is up, cultivation should not be excessive nor deep. Cultivation should be done with a view to destroying weeds. The smaller the weeds, the more easily they are killed; therefore timely cultivation is important.

Harvesting

If the corn binder is not available, corn may be pastured off by cattle and horses during the fall and winter, or by hogs during the fall. This method is somewhat wasteful, and it does not store the fodder for the time of greatest need—late winter and early spring. If the crop is not too heavy, it can be cut with a grain binder. A home-made cutter may be made by attaching a heavy knife to the side of a narrow stoneboat. This cutter can be drawn by a horse so as to cut a row of corn. A man standing on the back of the stoneboat can throw the corn to one side in bunches. This method is laborious and the corn is not tied in bundles, so that handling afterward is difficult and slow.

Storing the Fodder

Corn may be stored and used either as dry fodder or as ensilage. The dry fodder is cheaper and almost as satisfactory for winter feeding, but it is much more difficult to keep the feed in good condition, and it cannot be carried over from year to year. Corn fodder should be dried as thoroughly as possible in the stook, then, late in the fall, it can be stood on end in long narrow ricks, against a fence or against a hay stack, from which it can be conveniently fed during the winter.

Ensilage

Only under exceptional circumstances is a farmer in Western Canada justified in constructing an expensive silo. The pit and trench are quite satisfactory, and the trench particularly is much cheaper than the upright silo of the same capacity. Moreover, the trench can be filled with cheaper machinery, less power and less labor. For outdoor steer feeding the trench is more convenient than an upright silo. Freezing of ensilage in a trench is of minor importance, while in any type of upright silo the ensilage will freeze to a depth of from one to three feet from the wall.

Special Machinery for Corn

It is probably inadvisable for most farmers to attempt to grow any considerable acreage of corn without some special corn machinery. Harvesting corn without special machinery is the most difficult and unsatisfactory work connected with corn growing. It would seem logical, therefore, to consider the purchase of a corn binder as the first special corn implement. In many cases it may be possible to rent a corn binder or hire the cutting done. In other cases, co-operative purchase of the binder as well as other machines can probably be arranged. A corn cultivator is the next necessity for the farmer who plans to grow a large acreage of corn. The cost of a single-row, two-horse cultivator is not great, and such an implement will handle as high as fifty acres without undue delay.

If the corn is to be ensiled, some sort of cutting box and an engine to operate are necessary. For a trench or pit silo, a blower is not needed. A cutting box, costing less than half as much as a blower, is entirely satisfactory, and it can be operated with one-third of the power required for a blower. In very few cases can it be claimed that special planters are needed. While a planter, either of the check-row or lister type, can be used to good advantage, the fact that corn can be grown quite successfully without it means that very few farmers will care to incur the extra expense involved in the purchase of such a machine. If a planter is to be purchased, the check-row type seems to offer the greater advantage. Planted in check rows, the corn will yield equally well, and a considerable amount of labor is saved by reason of the fact that cultivation may be done in two directions.

"When I get married I'm going to marry a stenographer."

"Why?"

"So I can dictate to her."

Brown: "I want to go to Calgary tonight in the worst way."

Graham: "Take my Ford."



First Year Girls' Cooking Class



First Year Grain Judging Class

High Quality Products on Fenndale Farm

Major H. G. L. Strange

The grain that won first prize and the sweepstakes for the best exhibit of wheat at the International Hay and Grain Show at Chicago, 1923, was a sample of fourth generation registered Marquis, with an unbroken pedigree behind it reaching straight back to the hands of Doctor Charles Sanders, of the Ottawa Experimental Farm.

Continual selection had been practised on this seed from the time of leaving the Experimental Farm. It was therefore practically a certainty that with ordinary care and patience this seed was bound eventually to win a high place for itself.

In 1921 this particular strain took third place at Chicago; in 1922, when only 3.1 inches of rain fell during the growing season, eighth place was secured; and in 1923, first place and the Grand championship.

A somewhat similar history is found with the peas, oats and barley that we have exhibited.

On Fenndale Farm our first thought is always to secure as good foundation stock as possible, so that we can, to some extent, start where the other man left off. A mental ideal is then set of the type of product that is aimed at, and each step in selection or breeding is very carefully made and voluminous notes are kept, the object being to note whether an advance or otherwise is being made.

This kind of procedure refers not only to our grains, but to live stock in the shape of pigs and poultry as well.

We have two main kinds of soil on this farm—a heavy clay loam on the high slopes, which we call our wheat land, and several hundred acres of splendid garden loam of great depth in the bed of the Big Valley, which was the one-time course of a glacier. On this lower land we produce oats, alfalfa, timothy, etc.,

Methods of cultivation, seeding, harvesting and threshing in no ways differ from that which is commonly practised, excepting that much greater care is used at every step and hand-weeding practised during the whole of the growing season is perhaps one of the very few things in which we differ from other farms. Every machine necessary for this type of farming is owned by the farm, including separators, seed graders, etc., and to ensure purity of variety none of this machinery either leaves the farm or is ever used on any other person's grain. This is one of the steps we use to attain one of our objects—which is to produce registered wheat, oats, alfalfa and peas as near to being absolutely true to variety as is possible.

Whenever possible, intimate relationship is established with the different Government Departments, such as record of performance in poultry and registration in seeds, so that the final results achieved will have something in the nature of a Government certificate. We have found that the seal of the Government of Canada carries a great deal of weight in making a sale.

It is the aim on Fenndale Farm to avoid, if possible, the raising of products that can be as efficiently raised by producers who are satisfied with a lower scale of living that is usually met with in Canada. To this end we determined that the only chance we have of avoiding this competition is to raise products of a high standard of quality, feeling sure that eventually quality will find a market all of its own.

We find, too, that there is a great deal of pleasure and happiness and interest to be gained in dealing with products of high pedigrees, which is not always the case with common or garden products.

Careful thought is given in determining that which we want to know, and when we have arrived at this exact understanding, we simply bombard all the Government Departments and officials of Experimental Farms, Universities, other farmers, etc., in the United States, England and Canada, with letters of enquiry, thus obtaining a consensus of opinion on the point we are after.

We have been fortunate in getting on the mailing list of most of the institutions in the countries mentioned, and a good deal of practice in reading the data and bulletins from these various quarters has given us a certain facility of mind in quickly finding without loss of time that which may be of value to us. This is what might aptly be called "farming the agricultural stations." We are not afraid of being thought foolish when asking an absurd question. The right answer is the thing we are after.

On Fenndale Farm we have a wonderful confidence in the agricultural future of Alberta. We believe that the combination of sunshine, soil, of wet and dry climate which comes exactly at the right times of the year for the purpose of growing and harvesting the crops, will some day be applied to a method of farming and to a crop that will be far in advance of that which we have at present. Meanwhile, until that time comes, we are banking on High Quality in everything we work with to win public recognition and net profits for us.

The ideal we try to live up to is that everything that leaves Fenndale Farm will be above reproach and exactly as is represented.

"Ken," in soils class: "That's as plain as mud."

Mr. Malyon: "That covers the ground."



Student Committees, 1923

THE CARE OF THE MILKING MACHINE

H. R. Thornton, B.S.A.

The use of milking machines is growing steadily in this country. On first thought it would seem that a milking machine should produce a cleaner milk than the hand method. Practice has shown that, often, quite the reverse is true. Indeed, some milk distributing concerns prohibit the use of milking machines among their patrons.

The reason for this is obvious, when we consider the difficulty in cleaning the machine. There has been a great deal of misunderstanding about this matter, consequently it may not be out of place to quote the following instructions which are recommended by both manufacturer and milk technician, and which are now considered to some extent standard. If a proper and thorough procedure is persistently followed, it is possible to obtain a product that is at least comparable to hand-drawn milk.

Washing of Milking Machines

First: Immediately after the last cow is milked, draw a pailful of clean cold water through the milk passages, using fresh water for each unit.

Second: Draw through the passages a pailful of scalding water to which has been added one-half cup of cleansing powder (use a dairy cleanser, not a soap powder).

Third: Draw through the passages a pailful of cold water containing one-half cup of home-made hypochlorite solution, made as under or commercial hypochlorite solutions in amounts recommended by the manufacturer. Clean hot water may be used in the place of the hypochlorite solutions.

The home-made hypochlorite solution is made by mixing the contents of one 12-oz. can of chloride of lime with one gallon of water in a two-gallon covered crock. Be sure the chloride of lime is in a clean, fresh-looking container, plainly marked as to the available chlorine content. If the label does not have this information, or if the contents look old or caked, the material is worthless. In preparing the hypochlorite solution, first add just enough water to the chloride of lime to make a paste. Stir well, and add the balance of the gallon of water. The clear solution which collects is the portion that should be used. This home-made solution is equally as effective as the hypochlorite solutions and chloramine powders, and costs very much less than any of the commercial preparations.

While the teat-cups are being rinsed they should be doused up and down completely in and out of the water, so that air and water may surge alternately through the tubes. This will increase the contraction and expansion of the inflations and tubes, and therefore help to release the milk and bacteria from the inner surfaces of the rubber parts. All adhering dirt milk, bedding and the like should be washed from the outside of the tubes and teat-cups.

Care of Machines After Washing

The two general methods for sterilizing milking machine teat-cups and tubes after washing are the chemical method and the hot water method. These methods are not equally valuable for all types of milkers because of differences in construction. Each user should, therefore, consult with the manufacturer if in doubt regarding the method to use for his machine.

I.—Chemical Method

After the teat-cups and rubber tubes have been treated as above directed, put them in the sterilizing solution (instructions for the preparation of which follow) and leave them immersed from one milking to the next. Care should be exercised in placing tubes and teat-cups in the solution that no air becomes entrapped in them, for wherever there is air no solution will come in contact with the rubber surfaces. Put the teat-cups in the solution while holding the rubber milk tube straight up, so the air can escape through it.

Sterilizing Solution—Place 50 pounds of salt in a 20-gallon jar and fill with clean water to within 6 or 8 inches of the top. To this salt solution add one quart of the home-made hypochlorite solution when the salt solution is first prepared, and add one pint weekly in winter and one pint twice weekly in summer, or add commercial hypochlorite or chloramine solutions according to the directions of the manufacturer.

Maintain the sterilizing solution at the original level by adding salt and clean water as necessary. Make up an entirely new jar of sterilizing solution as soon as the old solution ceases to be clean. Never use a solution for more than six weeks. Care must be observed to see that at no time any dirt or foreign material gets into the solution. In case of such accident empty the solution at once and fill the crock with a fresh solution.

II.—Hot Water Method

In place of the chemical method, hot water may be used to sterilize the teat-cups and rubberware. In employing this method, either put the teat-cups and rubber tubes into a vessel of clean water, bring this water to a temperature of at least 160 to 170 degrees F. (using a thermometer to get the temperature) by running steam into it, or bring a pail of water to boiling temperature, remove it from the fire, and immerse the parts. At a temperature of 170 degrees F. the life of good quality tubing is not materially shortened.

Care of Metal Parts, Stanchion Hose and Vacuum Line

Of course, clean milk cannot be produced unless the pails, lids, and milk spigots are washed and then steamed or scalded and dried. If the machine has a moisture trap or check valve, this should be taken apart and cleansed after each milking. In machines having a check valve on the pail lid, the stanchion hose should be kept clean by washing and passing brushes through it. This hose should not be put in the sterilizing solution nor in hot water. In machines operated by individual pumps in which there is no valve between the pump and the milk chamber the stanchion hose must be kept clean, and must be sterilized with chemicals or hot water as specified for the teat-cups and tubes. Moisture continually passes into the stanchion tubes in this type of machine during milking, and on condensing runs back into the milk, so that it is necessary to keep this hose properly cleaned and sterilized.

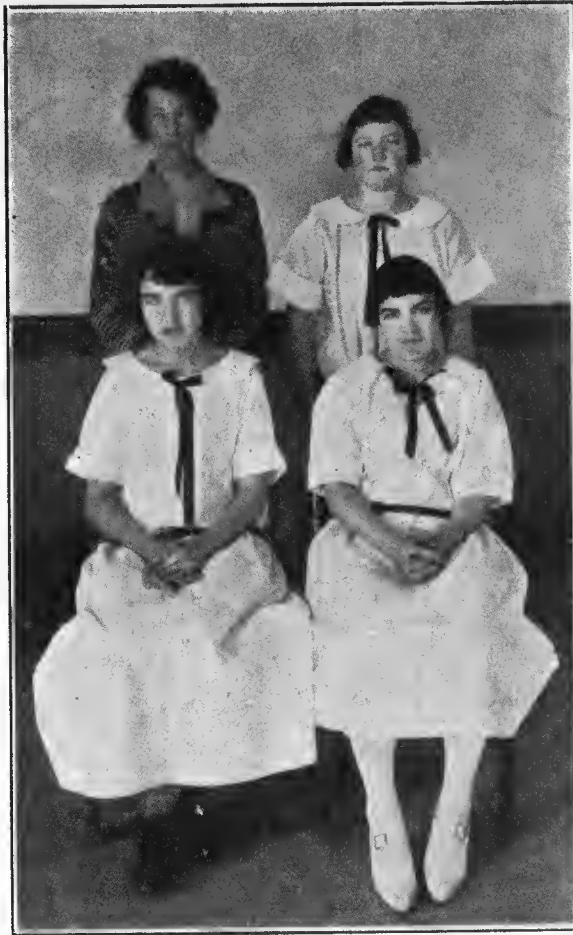
Washing Teat-Cups and Rubber Tubes

Even if the foregoing instructions are carefully followed it is necessary to take the teat-cups and rubber tubes apart to be scrubbed frequently. Under no conditions should they be allowed to go more than three days in summer and seven days in winter. In scrubbing the individual parts the teat-cups and rubber tubes should be placed in hot water to which a cleansing powder has been added at the rate of one-half cup per pail of water. The parts should be scrubbed inside and out with brushes provided for this purpose. After scrubbing thoroughly rinse in clean water and dry and polish the metal parts. It is well to soak the rubber tubes for a time in strong hypochlorite solution, using one-half cup of the home-made hypochlorite solution per pail of water, or commercial hypochlorite solutions according to the directions of the manufacturer.

Great care should be taken to prevent the accidental dropping of the teat-cups on the floor during milking, as dirt is thereby readily drawn into the milk. In case any such accident occurs, the cups must be taken apart, freed from any coarse dirt, and then thoroughly cleaned.

Importance of the Cleansing of Milking Machines

It is easy to clean a milking machine and do it right, but it must not be neglected. The above-described methods are practical on any farm, and are in daily use on many farms that are producing a very high-grade milk.



THE KIMONA DRESS DEMONSTRATION

A demonstration team, consisting of Misses Campbell and L. Rowell of second year, and Miss A. Gibson of first year, was trained by Mrs. Stranch and represented the Province of Alberta in an Interprovincial Demonstrating Contest at the T. Eaton Exposition. The demonstration dealt with the value and uses of the Kimona dress pattern.

The team and their coach claim to have had a very enjoyable trip and are loud in their praises of the treatment they received while they were the guests of the Eaton Company. Although the team was not successful in winning premier honors in the contest, their work was creditable in every way and reflects careful work on the part of the girls and Mrs. Stranch.

At the same time a team of boys from Claresholm represented the Province in a boys' demonstrating competition. They are to be congratulated on taking first honors in the contest. On Saturday, March 8th, they visited Olds, and the student body and townspeople had the privilege of viewing both demonstrations.

On Monday, March 10th, the girls' team, chaperoned by Mrs. G. R. Holeton, visited Claresholm School and gave their demonstration before a large audience there.

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Editorial

With the publication of this, the 1924 Magazine, we record the close of the tenth school year of the O.S.A.

During these ten years over thirteen hundred boys and girls have taken the regular courses here and have gone out into the world better qualified to make farming more profitable and interesting, and farm home-life more pleasant. These young men and women carried with them a message of hope and a spirit of enthusiasm, the influence of which has, no doubt, been very gratifying and uplifting to the communities which have been fortunate enough to receive these students.

The aim of the school has ever been to assist the students in evolving more efficient methods of carrying on all farm activities; to make a living first, and then to enjoy that living. Furthermore, the students have been made to feel that, even after graduation, the school is their haven, to which they may freely come for information and help in solving their farm and home problems.

Is it a wonder, then, that large numbers of Alumni members gather here in re-union twice a year to renew old acquaintances and to keep themselves abreast with the latest activities in agriculture and domestic science?

To emulate such a worthy past is no mean undertaking and requires the hearty co-operation of staff and students. If such co-operation is freely given, the O.S.A. will continue to be a powerful influence, and will greatly benefit farming and home-building in the district served.

SOPHOMORE CLASS, 1924

BIOGRAPHIES

MILDRED ABBOT:

At the age of five Mildred left her birthplace at Storm Lake, Iowa, for Alberta. After residing at Tees for some time she moved to Lacombe, where she now abides. The students are indebted to her for the splendid way in which she has presided at the piano during "Lits" and at practice dances. Mildred leaves a large number of friends, who one and all wish her luck. Her favorite pastime has been journeying to Lacombe for week-end visits. Why? We wonder.

KENNETH ANDERSON:

"Ken" comes to us from Grande Prairie, after taking his first year at Vermilion. He early made fast friends among both the boys and girls. As a student Ken kept his end up well, and also was an active member of the Athletic Committee during the Fall term. He will long be remembered for his genial disposition and unfailing good humor. Pie is his middle name. Favorite occupation—"Stretching."

PHILIP ANDERSON:

Answers to "Phil" or "Andy." He is an Alberta native from Wetaskiwin, where he has successfully tilled the soil. He is a good type of all-around student, quiet and industrious, and exams. will testify of his high standing. As a real sport Phil has developed an everlasting supply of friends, both in and out of the student body. Favorite pastime: Skating and making 100 per cent. in Maths. Favorite saying: "Nothing doing here, Stets; let's go home, eh?"

IDA M. BANNER:

Birthplace? England. When? A deep secret. Ida is a true Albertan from Craigmyle. She is a prominent member of the "Famous Five," and free and happy. As the poet says:

"So cheerful, gay and happy, so free from all vexation;

In fact, she's better in the proof than in anticipation."

Cooking is one of Ida's hobbies, and dancing is another. According to the highest authority, her favorite pastime is teasing.

GEO. BARRETT:

"Shorty" was born at Vancouver, B.C., and has since been a rolling stone. He took his first year in 1917-18, but waited to finish with a good bunch. The "Lit" and the Orchestra would be lost without his talent. He is one of the notorious "Wood-Bee-For," and in this capacity entertains at Lit. when not acting as chairman. Pastime: Painting posters for the girls. Forte: Music.



**O. BJORGUM:**

Hails from Kingman, Alberta, where he is busy at work on his first million. His chief characteristic is keeping quiet, and he does so with no apparent effort. While at Olds he has made steady progress, and spends much time with his books. He puts up a tough struggle on the wrestling mats, as many of his opponents know. His favorite expression is, "Yes, by gosh, you're right."

HELGA BJORGUM:

This good-natured young lady came from Norway in 1904. At present, Kingman, Alberta, is her home. Helga is very industrious, and in class she is very careful about getting all the notes and in listening to what is said. This good habit will be well repaid when exam. time comes. We all wish Helga a very bright and profitable future. Her motto: "If it is worth doing, it is worth doing well."

FLOYD BROWN:

"Fat" is one of the local boys, and, knowing Olds so well, knew that the O.S.A. was the great asset of the town. He stays with the "Bloodhounds," and his genial smile is proof of his good nature. In all things Floyd is a real go-getter, and a keen participant in all social activities. While at the school he has won many friends, and is an ardent student—sometimes. Favorite pastime: Chatting with the ladies.

NORAH A. CAMPBELL:

Left Belfast, Ireland, while yet too young to become very Irish. Taber, for a time, was her home, but that honor is now claimed by Didsbury. Norah still retains sufficient of the Irish wit and humor to be a mirth-maker wherever she goes. She acts in the capacity of secretary-treasurer to Class 24. She will be well remembered as a member of the Demonstration Team which went to Winnipeg. Her chief pastime is decorating the front porch of the brick dormitory.

ERNEST S. CLARK:

Kripey, as he is commonly called, is one of the brainy "Two-in-Ones," and hails from the noted town of Didsbury. He tries to make us believe that Didsbury is a city of importance, but so far he has not succeeded. Kripey has become very popular with his versatile talent as an entertainer. He also addresses the live stock classes in a deep, sonorous voice that challenges all controversy. Favorite expression: "Heck, let's go, boys."

HANNAH COMSTOCK:

"Everybody calls her sunshine,
Everybody loves her sunny smile."

Hannah hails from Germany, but now resides at Stauffer, Alberta. She is a real live wire, a member of the "Famous Five," and is always on hand where there is any fun. Though Hannah is a diligent student, she does not leave the social side of things untouched; in fact, she is one of the most popular dancers in Assembly Hall. Her favorite pastimes are telling fortunes and singing in the Dormitory.

CLIFFORD S. CATES:

One of Steve's "family" who hails from Oyen. Last year his big brother kept him on the straight and narrow path, but this term Steve has had a busy time keeping a fatherly eye on him. Cliff did good work on the Social Committee, and, indeed, any social function, especially in the dance line, would not be complete without him. Favorite pastime: Escorting Ida home. Favorite expression: "Let's go."

GLEN COLE:

"And now, my beloved brethren, we wish to introduce our star athlete." Glen was winner of the individual championship at the 1923 Field Day, and is also the lightweight wrestling champion. Born in Washington, U.S.A., Glen came to Canada while young, and now resides at Coronation, Alberta. As an entertainer he is a "howling success," and leaves a friend wherever he meets a stranger. Favorite pastime: Working on the rink.

MURIEL DYE:

Fayette, Iowa, is Muriel's birthplace, but several years ago the family moved to Langdon, Alberta. Muriel is fond of a good time, and she has certainly had one. We have often heard her singing at her work (Why, of course, she works), and her favorite pastime is dancing. As a real good sport, Muriel has taken an active interest in all school activities. "See if I care" is what she tells anyone who gets her goat.

RUEL DYE:

Muriel's older brother is a lively, popular young man. He is very fond of Freshettes and dancing; indeed, dancing with Freshettes is where he excels. Ruel studies hard, and does not stop till it is all clear. As a member of the "Bloodhounds" he may be heard raising his voice to the heavens in song with the bunch. He is often seen in the carpenter's shop making a radio cabinet.

FRED DJUVE:

Fred is an all-around athlete who comes to us from New Norway, where he was born and raised. He is a live wire, and takes an active interest in all sports, but most especially hockey and baseball. Fred is an excellent student, which may be seen by his high marks. Favorite expression: "How about a hockey game after school?" Favorite pastime: Taking Vet. Science notes? Well, hardly.

BERTHA DORIN:

Bertha's home interests are centred around Holden. Last winter she was a Freshette at Vermilion, and did not join our ranks till Christmas. Since then she has made up for lost time by hard study and having a first-class time. She is a member of the "Famous Five," and when her sunny smile and happy disposition are present, the blues immediately disappear. Bertha tries hard to please the sewing instructor.



**L. P. ERICKSEN:**

Pete came from Denmark and settled in Southern Alberta, where he still farms. He never passes up anything he does not understand, and may be found in his room studying at any time. Pete sets a fine example for the class, and, in spite of his handicap, is always among those in the lead. If every student studied like Pete does, we are sure the O.S.A. would be a shining light in Canada. Favorite pastime: Studying chemistry. Favorite expression: "Prove it."

RICHARD ERICKSEN:

An Alberta product, coming to us from a farm north of Armena. He attended the 1922 class, and grasped the first opportunity offered to finish his course. We are not quite sure whether he is a lady's man or not, but at times we have our suspicions, especially since Christmas, when something caused him to change his boarding place. He does his best to make all he can of his studies, but likes to have a good time when possible.

ROBERT T. EVERETT:

"Radio Bob" hails from the now famous city of Gadsby. After some experience Bob has decided to leave the ladies strictly alone. He is often found in the blacksmith and carpentry shops, and is "Pa" Holeton's unfailing right-hand man. He is one of Steve's family, and has succeeded in rooming with "Wightie" for two winters, and that is saying something. Favorite pastime: Tuning in on Honolulu. Favorite expression: "Daucus Carota."

ANNIE GOSHKO:

Born at Vegreville, Alberta, she obtained her education in Edmonton, and came to Vermilion after Christmas for his first year in Domestic Science. She came to Olds in February to take her second year.

"Here comes the girl with the smiling face,
Into our midst to take her place;
Bright of eye and with ready wit,
We admire her honest grit.
Here's wishing her well,
And who can tell
What grand things lie before her?"

DON FREEMAN:

Age nineteen years, height six feet four and one-third inches; disposition, pleasant. "Slim" was born in the U.S.A., came to Alberta at the age of four years, and now resides at Alliance. "Slim" is one of our heavyweight boxers, and his spectacular bout with Mr. Probst will long be remembered by the students of Class '24. Favorite pastime: Working out feed rations for chickens.

WM. P. FRASER:

Bill comes from Southend-on-Sea, England, but looks, and acts, like a Highlander. He is far-famed as a boxer (and chicken picker?). Bill is very shy, and although he dances with the best, he may never be seen taking a young lady out for a walk. Pastimes: Boxing and dieting. Weakness: Cold feet. Favorite expression: "Lend me your toothbrush, Woggy."

ELLA GRAHAM:

Macleod is her birthplace, but Lacombe is now her home. Ella has been an active worker, and has been a member of several committees, being in great demand for all school activities. Doubtless Ella will go on to University, and carry her great success right through. On the dance floor Ella has to turn down many boys, much against her will. Her favorite pastime is peace making and showing her independence.

CHAS. H. GALLOWAY:

Born in Ontario, he came to Alberta when a young man, and has farmed near Fort Saskatchewan ever since. A real live wire, and a source of constant pleasure, Charlie's genial smile just won't wear off. "Chuck" has made several brave but unsuccessful attempts at study during the term, but has succeeded in becoming a good stock judge. His good-natured banter will be missed by all who know him when he leaves for home in the spring. Favorite song: "Last Night on the Back Porch."

MARY TRYPHENA HART:

Molly came all the way from Weldon, Saskatchewan, to take her course. Last year she was at Vermilion, but as the fame of the O.S.A. had reached her ears, she came along to investigate, and found it good. She is an active little person, lively and merry, and has won a warm spot in the hearts of all her schoolmates. Molly seems to take an interest in sheep, especially in "Shearing." "Good night" is her common saying.

THOS. KILDUFF:

Tom is a typical Irish-Scotch-Canadian. Hails from Lloydminster, but evidently his middle name is Vermilion, as he took his first year there. We have a lingering suspicion that he is fond of other shades of red as well. He is a quiet, unassuming fellow, especially around the fair sex. He is one of the foremost in the Sophomore Class of '24, and we wish him every success at Varsity. Favorite occupation: Studying chemistry and being a star player.

ALTA KNIGHT:

Our only "Two-in-One" girl. Came from Colfax, Washington, to Alberta in 1905. She was educated at Calgary, and there she obtained her Normal standing. To complete her education, Alta came to the right place, so now she will be able to go back to her schoolma'am duties and teach the young idea how to shoot. Her kindness and good nature has won for her many fast friends. Needless to say, her favorite pastime is studying.

RASMUS MIKKLESEN:

Came from Denmark about fourteen years ago, and now farms near Beddington. He is better known as "Tiny," and is a favorite among the boys—not to mention the girls—for he always looks at the "Whiteside" of things. At stock judging he needs a stool to see the top line, but chickens are more to his liking, and he sure looks 'em over. His favorite occupations are: Getting ready for dances, and going to the post office, where, if disappointed, he says, "Oh, well! She'll write to-morrow."



**GRETA MOIR:**

From far-off New Brunswick, this young lady travelled Westward, and has spent most of her life in Westcott, Alta. She won the Short Course Scholarship, and has made splendid use of it. Greta has figured brilliantly in all student activities, and is a general favorite with both sexes. Her favorite saying is: "Isn't there a letter for me? I've only had three today!" Favorite occupation: Man-ual training.

P. MacGOWAN:

Of Irish descent, but truly Canadian. "Mac" comes from Veteran, where he has been a tiller of the soil for some time. He has spent two very interesting and profitable winters here. "Mac" is a good baseball player, and was a close runner-up for the heavyweight wrestling championship. As a hard-working student he has a hobby all his own, studying between 6 and 8 a.m. Favorite pastime: Stoking up.

ELMER MacDERMID:

"Mac," as he is always called, came west from Ontario as a child, and grew up with the country. His present stamping ground is Munson, where we hear his leisure hours are spent in "Clarking." He is one of our best hockey and baseball players, being one of the O.S.A.'s representatives on the ice this winter. We hope "Mac" will make as big a success of his future as he has of his career at the O.S.A.

CAMPBELL McBEATH:

Was born at Renfrew, Ontario, but his present home is in Edmonton. "Mac" has spent a great deal of his time in pursuit of education, and finally decided to take a "Two-in-One" course at the O.S.A. Not only is he a good student, but he takes a prominent part in sports, and ably plays goal for our hockey team. His amiable disposition is accountable for his popularity. Favorite pastime: Spooning on the Dormitory porch.

E. J. McFARLAND:

"Ed" is an Oklahoman by birth, but didn't stay there long; in fact, Vulcan saw him at the tender age of one year, and still sees him when he is home. Ed. is one of our youngest students, but lacks nothing by that, for he has proved a star boxer and a successful ladies' man, not to mention the fact that he keeps his end up in the classroom. Ed. believes in the quotation: "To see her is to love her, and love but her forever."

ROBERT E. NEWCOM:

"Life is mostly froth and bubble,
Two things stand like stone—
Kindness in another's trouble,
Courage in your own."

"Bob" is a cheery, good-natured young man from Pollockville, and has won the hearts of us all with his obliging ways. He was an outstanding legislature in the Boys' Parliament at Edmonton last Christmas. Bob takes with him the very best wishes of everyone for his future life, wherever he goes. Favorite phrase: "The paths of glory lead but to the Grave(s)."

WALTER NOTLEY:

Olds is Walter's home, therefore he knew it was worth while to come to the O.S.A. He does not allow anything to disturb his studies or his equanimity. His jollity and laughter are infectious, and have made him very popular. Taking notes is his main trouble in class, and re-writing them later his favorite occupation. However, Walter obtains splendid results, and our best wishes go with him.

EMMA OCHS:

From Plymouth, Nebraska, Emma came to Canada in 1905, and at present makes her home in Morningside. She is naturally quiet, and her tender smile is admired by all. Studious at all times, Emma is always trying to cram some new idea into her head. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" seems to be her motto, and her favorite pastime is helping others.

WILLIAM OCHS:

Bill is a brother of Emma, and farms with his Dad at Morningside. Like others from that district, he decided to reap the benefits of an O.S.A. course. At times Bill is an industrious chap, particularly in the Chemistry Lab. His deepest problem is to decide whether he ought to study tonight or leave it just one more day. "Barney Google" is his favorite dance tune, and he likes skating.

OSWALD PECK:

Oswald is a long-suffering brother of the famous H. G., and he has a busy time looking after his errant brother and Bill Fraser. This he does while not studying or showing Spilde the intricacies of Organic Chemistry. An industrious worker and good sport, Oswald carries the best wishes of the O.S.A. with him upon his return to Excel, where he will show the natives how to farm. Favorite pastime: Kicking Bill Fraser out of bed.



**G. ORVAL PROBST:**

Comes from Missouri, but now lives at Loughheed. He took his first year in 1922, but was unable to return until this year. It is said he is a ladies' man, but as he is yet young we hope he will grow out of it in time. He is interested in studies to the extent of spending considerable time at them in the evenings. Orval is also an active athlete, as he carried off several ribbons on Field Day.

OSCAR E. PETERSON:

"Pete" is a jovial character from Water Glen, Alberta. He has always been willing to promote social and literary activities in the school. Pete is a talented violinist, and at many of our Lits. we have listened entranced to the mellow notes of his violin. He is the Busy Bee of the Brainy "Two-in-Ones," and has shown proficiency in many subjects. We all wish him the best of luck when he migrates to Varsity next Fall. Favorite pastime: More work.

CHESTER PATRIQUIN:

Although "Pat" is a "Bluenose," we cannot blame him too much, for he is doing his best to become civilized. At present his home is in Edmonton. "Pat" is a general favorite of both sexes. He plays a prominent part in athletics, and although small, wields a wicked club. His favorite study is Botany, especially the Violet.

HUBERT G. PECK:

What would the O.S.A. be without the versatile talent of this scion of Merrie England? After serving in the army, he left Lancashire for Excel, Alberta, in 1919. Since we first knew him he has been endeavoring to write limericks, and not a few of our Chinooks have been brightened by his poetical effusions. H. G. has had a distracting time with the ladies, but he seldom lets them interfere with his studies. Favorite pastime: Thinking up jokes on Scotchmen. Weakness: Doggerel verse.

NINA ROWELL:

"When joy and duty clash,
Then 'tis joy must go to smash."

This young lady was born in California, but now prefers the sunny skies of Alberta. Methodical Nina is capable and quiet in both manner and dress, but practical to the finger tips. As a proof of her ability to do things, she captured more than her share of the prizes last year. We predict a brilliant future for Nina, and hope to see her at Varsity in the Fall.

ELIZABETH L. ROWELL:

"A rosebud set with little wilful thorns
And sweet as English air could make her."

This blue-eyed maiden hails from Durham, England. Being one of the brainy ones, she immediately saw that Olds was a good stopping place, and stayed. She possesses a perseverance which, we believe, will attain for her considerable fame later. Was a member of Alberta's Demonstrating Team sent to Winnipeg. Favorite expression: "Get up, Nan; you'll be late."

WM. RUDYK:

Seeking a knowledge of dairying, "Bill" came to the O.S.A. from Edmonton and has proved a zealous (?) student. "Bill" is small, but, as the poet says (and the ladies all agree)—

"In a little precious stone what splendor meets the eyes!"

In a little lump of sugar how much of sweetness lies!"

In his leisure hours he may be found playing the piano in the Hall residence. Favorite expression: "You tell 'em, you don't stutter."

INGER RIIS:

Studious, intelligent, and liked by everyone. Blackfalds has the honor of being Inger's birthplace and present home. A quiet, unassuming girl, she has made a splendid house president, whose authority has been greatly respected. After graduation, Inger intends to complete her high school education, and the best of wishes go with her. Studying and sewing are her favorite occupations, and she is never idle.

ELIZABETH ROSS;

"Bessie" migrated to Olds from her native Scottish heath in 1906. She has taken a prominent part in the social life of the school, and also did excellent work on the Athletic Committee during the Fall term.

"And that smile, like sunshine, darts
Into many a sunless heart,
For a smile of God thou art."

FRANK STEVENS:

"Steve" is the "Daddy of them all." Always willing to help out, but never "butting in," he has proved the unfailing haven to which debaters, and others in trouble, have flown. "Steve" has ably looked after Class '24 for three terms as president. In this capacity, as well as a member of the successful debating team of last year, and Editor of this magazine, "Steve's" course has been an outstanding success. The O.S.A. is deeply indebted to him for his faithful services. Favorite expression: "Sure, I'll help." Weakness: The ladies.



**VERNA SITLER:**

"Conspicuous for mirth and laughter,
The man first, the work after."

"Sitler" was born in Waterloo, Ontario. At a very tender age she found her way to the prairies, and now resides at Alliance. Verna is very fond of dancing, we must admit, and is very popular at the social evenings. But she never neglects her studies. We expect she will make practical use of her course in the near future, and keep house "for two."

HARRY STETSON:

"Stets," one of our popular students from Fort Saskatchewan, is an active and talented member of the "Truthful Turks." He is a jovial fellow who, with strength untold, is always rearing to go. His strength, we are told, is due to his love for cheese. He may frequently be seen tossing Jack Baker out of the classroom, to land on his back in a snow bank.

GRACE ELIZABETH SCARLETT:

Grace hails from the Innisfail district, where she received her previous education. As this did not satisfy her, she decided to take the course at the O.S.A. Her brilliant and thoughtful ways have made dormitory life a pleasure. She has successfully fulfilled her duties as president of the Jackson Dormitory, and leaves many good chums behind. Grace has one pastime in particular, she is often found "Stretching." Favorite expression: "Are you ready?"

O. SPILDE:

Olaf is one of that rare but precious type, a steady, hard worker. He is the eldest of the Spilde tribe, and has his hands full keeping his brothers in order. He is of Norwegian extraction, but first saw the light of day in North Dakota. If he works as hard at farming as he does at studying, the dust surely rises in clouds around Provost. "Ole" has shown himself to be no mean boxer and wrestler, reaching the semi-finals in the wrestling competition.

E. SPILDE:

Younger brother of Ole and Norman, "baby" of Class '24, and one of its most popular members, especially with the fair sex. Ed. works hard at both studies and sport. He is an earnest student, and will do full credit to his course here when he returns home. Favorite pastime: Strolling in the country. Favorite expression: "Who's coming out there with me?"

N. SPILDE:

Is the second of the Spildes in age, although first in size. Norman, too, was born in North Dakota, residing now near Provost. Norman finds it easier to smile than look sad, so "acts accordingly," and the said smile works wonders with the ladies. He is very fond of wrestling, if not of chemistry.

"Care to our coffin adds a nail, no doubt,
And every grin so merry draws one out."

HELEN STRETCH:

Helen is a real live wire, a native product from Ponoka. She proves the truth of the saying that best goods are done up in small parcels. Her vivacity and good humor are only exceeded by her diligence in study. She is certain to make a splendid success of her future career as a nurse, and we all join in wishing her the best of luck. Helen's favorite sport is missing meals, and she often says: "Oh, law!"

PHILIP L. SCHMIDT:

One of the Blackfalds warriors, "Phil" is one of Steve's family. He is a very industrious worker, and copying notes seems to be his besetting sin. As recreation, we have seen (and heard) him kicking Bob Everett out, with the injunction, "Get out, you long streak." Phil, as a rule, has not much to say, but what he does say is worth listening to. This young gentleman takes great delight in hiding Bob's pyjamas.

ELEONORA SODERSTROM:

The state of Wisconsin claims Nora as its own, but since 1912, Armena, Alberta, has been her home. Although quiet, she possesses the gift of ready wit, and is well liked by all. When she returns home we are sure she will boost the O.S.A. in her home district, and will make practical use of her course, as she believes in doing things well.

ROGER STRETCH:

Roger comes from Ponoka, is usually one of the quiet ones, but can step out when he wants to. Unfortunately, however, he has had a bad attack of "Scarlett" fever, from which he has not yet recovered, but he is still able to do more work than most of us. His love for boxing often results in black eyes amongst the freshies. His biggest problem is dividing his time between bacteriology, chemistry, and the ladies. However, he seems to find time for all, and exams. have no terrors for him.



**G. R. TESSIER:**

From far-off Quebec came this girl in 1913, and settled at Chauvin, Alberta. She is another of the wise Vermilionites who came to finish at this wonderful college of ours. Rolande is of a very retiring disposition, and does not raise her voice in the hallways between classes. Dancing is one of her many accomplishments, and sewing is another. Chemistry seems to be her bugbear. Favorite saying: "Shoot!"

W. W. W. TESSIER:

"Bill" took his first year at Vermilion, but came to Olds to finish with us. He came from Quebec, his native home, in 1910, and settled at Chauvin, Alberta. He is always on the spot, ready to speak his mind on the subject in hand. The fact that he has left the ladies strictly alone shows that he is studious. We wish him the best of success in whatever work he takes up. Favorite pastime: Whistling "Barney Google."

MRS. EVA WILLSON:

Is one of the most prominent members of Class '24. Coming over from England at a tender age, she chose Calgary as the site of her future activities. After her marriage she decided a course in home economics would be beneficial to the long life of her husband, so she chose the O.S.A. Mrs. Willson was an active member on the various committees last year, and also carried off the prize for general proficiency. Favorite saying: "Would George like it?"

THOS. J. WIGHT:

"Wightie" originated in Edinburgh, Scotland. After serving in the army he came to Canada in 1920. He arrived at the O.S.A. via Grande Prairie, and enjoyed his first year so much that he returned last Fall to be promptly elected chairman of the "Lit.," a position he filled with conspicuous success. His genial smile is a big asset to the good fellowship of the O.S.A.—indeed, he has the Champion Broad Grin. Favorite pastime: Trying to enjoy H. G.'s Scotch stories. Weakness: His moustache.

EDITH YAUCH:

Edith first opened her smiling brown eyes in Lafayette, Indiana. However, she obtained her high school education at Langdon, Alberta, and now resides near Olds. Although of a reserved nature, Edith enjoyed our social functions as fully as did the rest of us, especially the dances, for from them she derived her greatest pleasure. It is said her favorite pastime is sleigh riding to the tune of "Geddap, Rose."



Student Committees, 1924

Alumni Association

The aim of this Association is to keep the many ex-students who have passed through the halls of the O.S.A. in touch with each other. It is simply an organization which keeps us together as one big family. Twice a year meetings are held which enable members and their friends to renew old acquaintances. These meetings are well attended. The summer meeting is given over to a get-together social time, coupled with some educational features that enable new trends of thought to be considered. Trips are taken round the demonstration farm and plots in connection with the school; the work carried on is explained by those in charge of their various departments. This in itself is well worth the time and money expended. Often the remark has been made that "the knowledge gained has over-balanced the cost." To those in charge of the work, and the executive of the Alumni Association, this must, indeed, be gratifying.

A huge picnic party usually gathers on the lawn, where, in the shade of the trees, little parties group together talking over old times; some, the future. Many are the recollections brought to mind at these little parties. During the evening the Alumni hold their semi-annual dance, where everyone, young and old—mostly young—indulge in the light fantastic. This continues till the small hours of the morning, when, alas! as always, good times come to an end. Good-bye is said till winter.

At the winter meeting, business of the Association is talked over, the election of officers takes place, and plans for the summer meeting formulated. In connection with this meeting, the subsidiary organizations meet, more of which will be written later. The hon. president of the Alumni Association is Mr. F. S. Grisdale, B.S.A., principal of the school, who has always taken a very keen interest in its welfare, and who, perhaps, remains in the background far too much for the part he plays. The satisfaction of meeting others and seeing them have a good time is the reward which he enjoys. Our president is Mr. H. R. Thornton, B.S.A. (Class '16), who, known to his intimate friends as "Tubby," greatly enjoys doing executive work. In him we have a president worthy of the name. His past has shown him to possess the deserving qualities for such a position. Under his control the Association cannot help but succeed. The secretary is Mr. A. T. Kemp, B.S.A. (Class '16), lecturer at the O.S.A., popularly known as "Skipper" among old acquaintances. As the duty of a secretary is well known, nothing more need be said, except that he is ever after members who, through neglect, do not join the Association. First vice-president is Mr. Tom Sigurdson (Class '15), a farmer of Markerville, whose chief delight is visiting the O.S.A. in order to talk over matters in connection with the Experimental Union, of which he is president. Second vice-president is none other than Miss Bertie Edgar (Class '22). She shows her ability as president of the Girls' Experimental Union by encouraging all qualified members to join the Association. She has the pleasant habit of smiling nicely when she requires anything done. This, along with her ability to think out ideas, make it more hopeful for the success of the Union.

Another feature of the Alumni is the News Letter, which is sent out to all paid-up members. This contains accounts of the activities of all ex-students, and thereby forms a chain linking all in one big family. Experiments of interest are given, along with seasonable articles.

Of the subsidiary organizations, the Boys' Experimental Union is the largest. Its aims are to distribute pure seed among members, and to encourage them to follow up good methods of farming as taught in the school. A Seed Fair is held during the winter meeting and prizes awarded for the best samples of grain exhibited.

The Girls' Experimental Union is interested in trying out various recipes of cakes, etc., the modelling of dresses, shortcuts in household work, and other items of interest to the ladies. An exhibition was held for the first time on January 3rd, 1924, and was very commendable indeed for the first of its kind. The next promises to be better than ever, judging by the enthusiasm and outline of program at the last meeting.

Thus the Alumni Association serves as a link in keeping ex-students ever in touch with the school's activities, and vice versa. Being fully cognizant of the benefits already derived from such a recently-organized association, we have every reason to entertain high hopes concerning further advantages and values of this to be received by members of the Alumni.

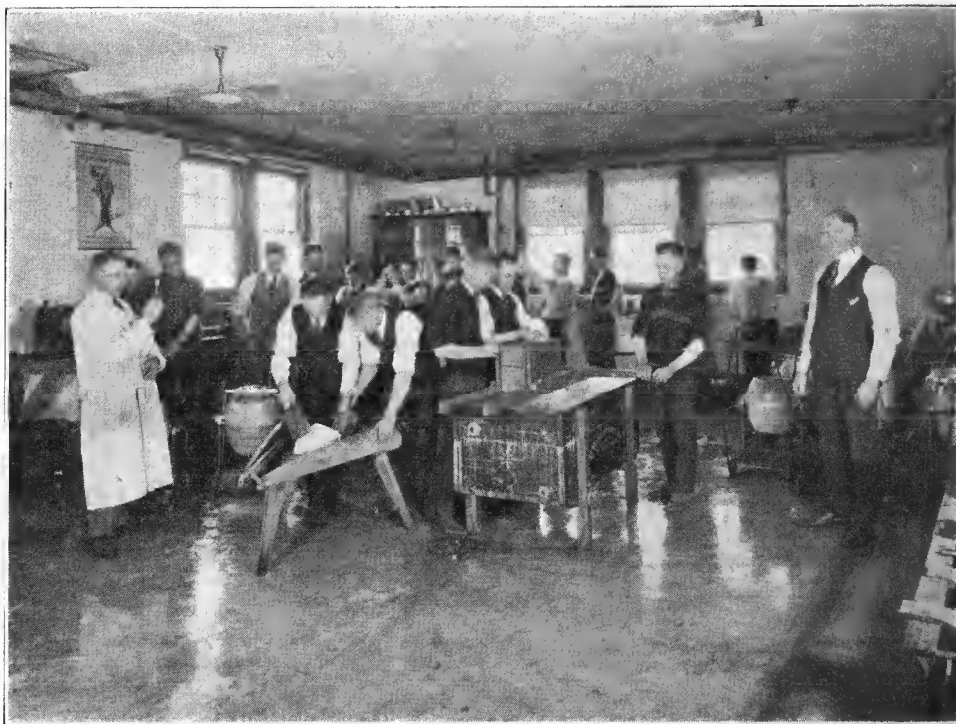
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Studying English is too much for McGregor. Now he wants to know, did anyone ever see—

A stone step?
A peanut stand?
A sardine box?
A sausage roll?
Hair dye?
A day pass?
A night fall?
A ship spar?
A sugar bowl?
A skate fish?

English instructor: "What is a synonym?"

Soph.: "It's a word you use in place of one you can't spell."



Second Year Dairying Class

THE LIT.

The Literary Committee has been responsible for about an hour's program nearly every Friday afternoon this term. These programs have been varied—debates, speeches, recitations, songs, and instrumental items all had their places. The final number was always the riotous, scandalous, frivolous and libellous Chinook, edited by each class in turn. Some of the debates were of a high order, and some really good material has been brought forth from the First Year Class. We feel confident that, if called upon to defend the Debating Shield next year, our teams will uphold the honor of the O.S.A.

We have had several very clever and amusing recitations. Mr. Cole ("Fare Thee Well, Brother Watkins"), Miss Parr, Miss Gibson and Mr. MacGowan have all put us in their debt for entertaining us in this way. As for songs—we blush to say it—but the school harbors four delinquents, masquerading as "The Would-Be Four," who bay at the moon whenever the Lit. allows them. "Shorty" Barrett, "Chuck" Galloway, Oscar Peterson and Sid Murray are the guilty, and their heights vary as inversely as their voices. They, with Miss Peterson, Mr. Gibson, and the Girls' Quartette, have given us some very pleasant moments.

Among the instrumentalists the Misses Abbott, Empey and McCarthy gave us excellent solos on the piano. Mr. Peterson, accompanied by Mr. Clark, rendered charming violin solos on several occasions.

We have been fortunate in our two chairmen. Both Mr. Wight and Mr. Barrett have shown keen interest in the welfare of the Lit.

The list of the year's activities will show the true purpose of the Lit. It fulfills a portion of our training here that no subject on the curriculum can cover. It frees us from that self-consciousness in public speaking that keeps many a capable man in his seat at a meeting, and it enables us to give sensible connected speeches when we do get on our feet. The Lit. gives us an opportunity to hear good music, and we learn to appreciate it. Comic items prevent us from getting too serious.

Possibly the greatest aim of the Lit. is to establish co-operation in the school. Everybody helps; we put the items on ourselves, and we supply the talent. It makes us appreciate, even though unconsciously, the fact that we are one body, one community of friends, and that everyone has to get in and help to keep the O.S.A. what it has always been—an outstanding example of what co-operation can do in establishing good fellowship among students from all over the province.

This is the work and aim of the Lit.; to find strangers in November and to send them away friends in March. To help at the Lit. is to make friends and to have the satisfaction of doing your bit for your fellow-students, and, not least, to help fit yourself for that position in the community to which graduation from the O.S.A. entitles you.

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ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE LIT.

In addition to the regular meetings on Friday afternoons, the "Lit" sent a team of debaters to Didsbury to meet a Tuxis team. Our representatives—Messrs. Murray and McKee—took the negative on a resolution barring the Oriental immigration to Canada, and had the satisfaction of winning by the unanimous ballot of the three judges. They have our heartiest congratulations, and having heard them previously, we are sure that they upheld the reputation of the O.S.A. for debating ability.

On Friday, December 14th, we were entertained with a play, given under the auspices of the "Lit.," entitled "Smith Broadens Out." The cast, composed of Mrs. Wilson and Messrs. Kilduff, Stevens, Mail and Dye, showed exceptional ability, and success crowned the hard work they had put into the rehearsals.

The crowning event of the "Lit.'s" work, however, was the play entitled "Back to the Farm," which was staged on March 14th. While much more ambitious than "Smith Broadens Out," it was of the highest standard, and any amateur company might well be proud of a performance that was distinguished by the naturalness of the acting and the uniform talent of the players. To praise any one would be invidious, for all were excellent, whether in the comedy parts or the more serious roles. Our very best thanks are due to the players, to Mrs. Malyon and McLoughlin as the management, and to the property men for providing us with an evening's entertainment, which, as a member of the audience said later, was good enough to compare to a regular company. We hope that the many hours of rehearsal have been repaid by the knowledge that unqualified success has rewarded them.

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ATHLETICS

Another term has drawn to a close. The various forms of sport have waxed and waned. Fortune and misfortune, success and failure, victory and defeat have attended our efforts in varying proportions.

All good students plan to obtain a well-rounded-out education, and those who have gone through the mill fully realize that the classroom and the study hours are not the only sources of advancement, important as we must concede them to be. Moreover, no one can do the best possible work in class and study who is not physically at his best. Therefore, exercise of some sort is essential to mental training, for the activity of the mind depends, in no small degree, upon the condition of the body. Athletics have fully demonstrated their value to the student who uses judgment in his play. Of course, it is not meant that students should be encouraged to go to college simply because of the opportunity to exhibit athletic prowess, but every student who enters an institution of learning should plan to take some active part in some form of athletic endeavor for which his physique and temperament are best fitted. Competitive sport makes healthy, clear-thinking, vigorous young men and young women; works off many a grouch, develops character as few other things can, and is distinctly worth while. True, a small minority overdo the sport end of their college courses at the expense of their studies, but in the main the young man who takes an active interest in college games and sports leaves his Alma Mater better fitted to face the exigencies of the strenuous life ahead than if he simply stood on the side lines without energy enough to applaud a good play. College athletics are firmly established as a necessary part of college training. They make good mixers out of cold, reserved creatures. They add to the student's appreciation of his fellow man. They teach the value of self-control. They help teach how the game of life should be played.

The annual Field Day was held during the third week in November, 1923. The weather was all that could be desired, a fine warm day with a bright sun. This, no doubt, helped the record-smashing athletes. A very large crowd was on hand to see the most successful meet held on this campus for years.

The girls' events were mostly of the novelty variety and created a great deal of merriment. Every event was strongly contested, and belonged to no one before it was all finished. Many records were badly smashed, but, owing to modesty, we refrain from giving particulars.

The First Year girls were the big winners in these events. Even the classic "Tug-of-War" went to them. First places were won by Misses Walton, Gibson, Sittler, Banner, and Crossweller, Miss Walton winning the girls' individual championship.

The men's events were more of a serious intercollegiate nature, and were hotly contested by a large number of competitors. First places were won by Messrs. Cole, Probst, MacGowan, H. G. Peck, Cross, and Everett. Mr. Cole won the individual championship.

A dry and spacious campus gave ample opportunity for all outdoor sports such as baseball, soccer, rugby, and basketball. The open Fall made it possible to play these games up till Christmas, and a few odd days during the latter part of February and during March were taken advantage of by the enthusiasts of these noble games. However, these games were wholly of inter-year species except in rugby and soccer, some of which were played with the local teams.

The cold Canadian winter days this year were few in this uplifting spot in our noble heritage, and for this reason the hockey season was short but wholesome. The local sod-busters and the Didsbury aggregation, however, provided some amusement for the school teams. Nevertheless, the weather conditions, though giving but short time for hockey, did not spoil other winter events. Oftimes noises (such as a puffing engine would make) would be heard proceeding from the stock pavilion. On stepping inside we could see some of the boys practising the manly art of self-defence.

Two athletic entertainments were held during the school term. The first of these was held in the third week of November, and the second, the more elaborate and interesting one, was put on in the form of a carnival the third week in February. There were many excellent costumes, and with good ice, a mild night, a full moon, and music from the balcony, the skaters had a wonderful evening. Such exercise always brings forth a good appetite, and when the call for supper was heard, no time was lost in answering it. Hot dogs, rolls and coffee were served in the pavilion. Then came the big event of the evening—the boxing finals. The championships were won by the following:—Heavyweight: W. Cram. Welterweight: E. McFarland. Lightweight: D. Grayson. Bantamweight: W. Rudyk. Mrs. Holeton then presented prizes to the winners in the carnival events.

The wrestling championships had been previously decided, with the following as winners:—Heavyweight: W. Cram. Middleweight: W. Cross. Welterweight: G. Cole. Lightweight: Smith.

There is no doubt in the minds of the students this year but that a full athletic season was enjoyed, and as Mal says, "A good time was had by all."

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Social Activities

As in previous years, the social life of the O.S.A. was again one of its principal features. In these activities students are brought together and in the intermingling the finer points of life are brought out. Besides having a real jolly time, indirectly they are receiving a social training that will help them after leaving the school.

On the first Friday evening of the school term, November 2nd, the time-honored Staff Reception took place. While the members of the Staff and the Sophomores renewed old friendships and made new acquaintances, the freshies were receiving their first glimpse into the social life of the O.S.A. A wonderful time was held, for the Staff know the way into the hearts of the students. With the aid of several new, out-of-the-ordinary games, the old and new faces were well intermixed, and by the time the evening was over the freshman felt right at home, while the Sophomores looked forward to many more enjoyable evenings in freshman company.

The next Friday, November 9th, the Sophomores extended a most hearty welcome to the Staff and new students. Dancing was the order of the evening, but games were also provided for those who do not indulge in the light fantastic. Delicious refreshments were served during intermission, after which dancing was continued. Many a freshie was heard to say, "What a glorious place this O.S.A. is."

The following Friday evening, after having been duly initiated, the Freshies took their turn as hosts and hostesses, and gave a delightful reception to both Staff and Sophomores. Everything went off well, and the Sophs. showed their appreciation by giving three cheers for their entertainers before the dancing of "Home, Sweet Home."

"Ye Olde Tyme Dance," held December 6th, gave us all a chance to go back many years and dance the old-fashioned dances. Quadrilles, polkas, and even the good old "Sauerkraut" were indulged in by all. And what fun it was! Everyone entered into the spirit of it, and as the crowd wended their way homeward all agreed that such dances were not as slow as repute would have them in comparison with modern dances.

Christmas comes but once a year, and in the annals of the O.S.A. a Christmas wouldn't be complete without the Christmas Tree, the low colored light, the tinsel, the holly wreaths, and, of course, Santa Claus. Everything was there for the Christmas of 1923. The Assembly Hall looked lovely, decorated with spruce trees, spruce wreaths tied with red ribbons, and the huge Christmas Tree in the centre, decorated with presents and lights. It presented a wonderful appearance on this 20th day of December, and as we sang the Christmas carols, all seated around

the tree, the whole atmosphere teemed with Christmas cheer. The bells announcing Santa's coming, Santa himself, the distribution of presents, a few more carols, oranges and nuts, and lastly the dancing around the tree, all contributing to the enjoyment of the most wonderful evening of the whole term.

The year 1924 being upon us, it was decided not to let the term pass without some recognition of the fact that Leap Year was with us. Accordingly, on February 29th a Leap Year Dance was held. The first part of the evening was given over to the ladies to choose the partners they desired. This gave the boys an excellent chance to ascertain the degree of their popularity. One of the most enjoyable events of the evening was, without doubt, the impromptu "Moonlight Waltz," suddenly put on the programme when the electric lights went out of commission. The daintiest supper of the term was served during a half-hour intermission, after which the boys were allowed to resume their old privileges of choosing their dance partners.

The whole event was one of the outstanding successes of the season, and everyone wished there were more Leap Year dances before the exit of 1924.

These are just some of the outstanding social events, but every Friday evening some entertainment—a concert, a dance, a play, or the movies—were indulged in, thus giving a pleasing variety to break the monotony of the regular study routine of the students. E. W.

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A Vision of an O.S.A. Student

And it befell that, on the third day of the third month of the year nineteen hundred and twenty-four, I fell into a deep sleep and dreamed a dream. In my dream I was transported to the sanctuary of Room Eleven of the O.S.A., which, on everyday occasions, is tuned to the rhythmic, mystical words which cast a spell of ecstasy over all the students.

Again it befell that in my vision I saw all these mystical words take shape and character and pass before my fancy's eye. And lo, as I gazed upon the seething mass of individuals, unrest, confusion and uncertainty were in their midst, and they knew not what to do. I was sorely puzzled and felt muchly distressed at their sad plight.

And it came to pass, as I gazed, their confusion and bewilderment increased to a panic. My wonderment was great, and I was at a loss to interpret the cause of their amazing behavior. As I drew nigh I did notice great differences in the appearance of each and every being. Some walked erect, some did creep, and some there were that did crawl. On still nearer approach I did notice that each individual bore, strapped on his back, a placard on which was writ the bearer's name.

I now accosted one that carried the name of Anti Biosis. A queer name, I thought to myself, but I discovered that she was characteristic of all aunties and listened not, pointing only to the one who followed.

This was Bacillus Mycoides, and I spake unto him, saying, "What meaneth this turmoil?" But he answered and said, "My time is short, I go fission," and passed on. Following him came Conringia Orientalis, but his very name did puzzle me, and I questioned him not. A gaily-bedecked being was Daucus Carota, and carrots dangled from his garters. But his brains were lacking, and my questioning yielded nothing. Likewise came one Echium Vulgare, but I passed him on the other side. Flagella, akin to Celia, showed much agitation and his legs did protrude in many directions. In order then there passed me: Graminae and Hordeum Jubatum, and they were like unto memories of bygone days. Slowly came Iso Merism, a wily little dame of double character. From Juncaceae, Kata Bolism, Lappula Echinata I received no answer. Meta Bolism, full sister of Kata Bolism, was quite impertinent. Neslia Paniculata, with his fat round head, sneered at me disdainfully. Ortho Carpus came in company with Poly Petalous, yet apart. Queri Citron and Ramenculus passed me but knew me not. Schizomycetes seemed to pervade all space and to travel by air, and land, and water. Trifolium, Ulmaceae, Violaceae, Wild Sarsaparilla, and Xyris succeeded one another rapidly. My spirit was sorely troubled because my concern for their distress had been in vain.

With fear and trembling I approached the last of these beings, Zizia by name, and questioned her. This strongly-scented being answered, saying that she, and her companions in this chaos, sought for lodging in the cerebrums of the O.S.A. students, and until they were successful they were condemned to roam and flit about in their present state. Again I felt sad at their misfortune, but great was my consolation in the hope of some finding their desired lodging.

And it befell that I was aroused from very deep sleep, and lo, I was reclining on my own couch. It had been a vision, and I determined to pass it on to others that they might benefit accordingly.

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The Freshies' Initiation

On Monday, November 5th, the Freshies were trapped in their classrooms, herded into the stock-judging pavilion, and there informed that they were to be initiated into the mysteries of O.S.A. life.

After eyes were covered and hands tenderly tied, each was escorted out to receive a moustache, "side burns" and a goatee of lamp black and molasses. This, assisted by the greyness of their hair, caused by a generous tonic of oat chop, produced a great transformation, and all appeared older.

Next came a full dress parade and a short march to the green-carpeted cafe, where the Sophs. served refreshments. These refreshments were not of a stylish nature, but consisted of good, wholesome food composed of oat chop porridge, molasses and onions. Judging from the joyful leaps and exclamations, the food was greatly relished.

They were then hitched to a farm wagon and "driven" around town for half an hour, the Sophomore girls being the delighted passengers. On their return to the school grounds they were declared initiated, and were presented with a box of apples with which to refresh themselves.

Freshettes' Initiation

On Thursday morning, November 1st, a very noticeable troupe of human beings were seen wending their way to the O.S.A. And where did they come from? Certainly they were not here the night before. At a first glimpse one would say they were members of the Klu Klux Klan in full dress. All wore pendulous ear-rings, which, on closer examination, proved to be nothing more or less than loops and strings of peanuts, which hung down upon their shoulders. Their dress made it difficult to decide whether these people were going the way one expected they were or not.

On Friday afternoon they were given a practical demonstration of their ability, by making a clean-up of the town in general. Even the silent policemen shone after they energetically polished them up. When their good work was performed, they were dismissed, and the hooded Klansmen were seen no more.

"Who were they, anyhow?" you ask. Why, the Freshettes, of course, undergoing the ordeal of initiation thrust upon them by their seniors, the Sophomores.

Mr. Weir wished to move a small chicken house, and called on four sturdy Freshmen to assist him. Each student grabbed a corner and lifted the house to their shoulders.

As they rested half-way, they missed Mr. Weir, and asked of each other: "Where did Weir go?" Just then a voice exclaimed from inside the chicken house: "I'm inside, carrying all the perches."

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The Boys' Cooking Class

During the early part of the school year, an essentially worthwhile, but somewhat novel class was inaugurated for the boys of the O.S.A. It appears that a number of the boys approached Miss Houston with a view to taking lessons in the culinary art, and that (not without misgivings) she complied with their wishes, assigned for lessons a period after the regular work of the day, and proceeded to initiate them into the mysteries of the cuisine.

Naturally, such an unusual departure from the ordinary course of events caused a great deal of comment and good-natured banter, the girls being especially interested and possibly a little jealous of infringement upon what they considered their special department. Some suggested that the boys with a leaning toward bachelor life were, with admirable foresight, preparing themselves for the future. Others thought novelty was all that was behind the scheme, but there were those who believed it was a wise adaptation to an emancipated world where the women seek a career and the men keep the home fires burning, and perhaps the food, too.

Whatever the motive may have been, the class met regularly, and the boys entered into the work with commendable spirit. The "would-be cooks," totally ignorant of the use of kitchen utensils, found the varied contrivances somewhat puzzling at first, but we believe they all fell for the joy of the egg-beater. The innate antipathy for water which characterizes the youth of the sterner sex had to be overcome, and the necessity of scrupulous cleanliness in cooking had to be emphasized. One young hopeful, when asked to wash his hands, replied that he had washed them twice that day, so they ought to be clean.

Nevertheless, these matters were straightened out, and as Christmas drew near with its suggestion of candy making, the class began to grow, but we would not for the world infer that any rash conclusions should be drawn from this. As the class work proceeded, some dropped out while others "came, saw, tasted, and were conquered." About eight who really cared to learn attended the whole course and feel well repaid for their efforts.

Miss Houston, in the short time at her disposal, gave them some knowledge which will be of real practical use. They were taught to make bread, waffles, plain cake, various egg dishes, and toothsome desserts. They learned to prepare the various meat and vegetable dishes. All these dishes were simple and sensible, the foodstuffs being those that the average bachelor would have on hand.

All boys like good things to eat, and there is no reason why they should not learn to cook them. The taking of such a course is neither effeminate nor a cause for mirth, but plain common sense, and when the boys celebrate the end of their course by giving a dinner prepared by themselves, we know the girls will wish they were invited.

The course has been a decided success, and great credit is due Miss Houston for her trouble and the boys for their interest and perseverance in an art altogether new to them, and we hope that this innovation will become an institution.

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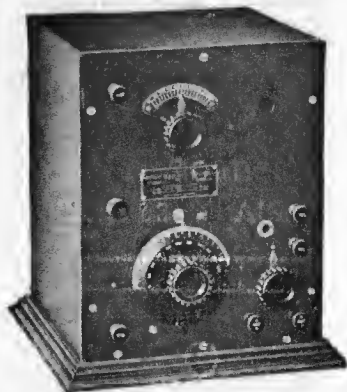
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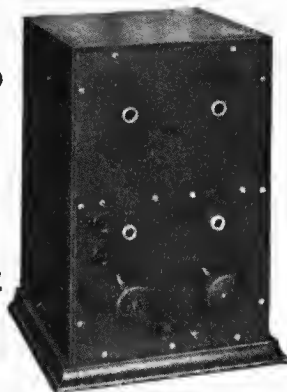
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